

In the Claims:

Please amend and cancel the claims as indicated in the separate sheets attached below and entitled "Claim Amendments Filed 04/24/2006 with Response to Office Action mailed by Examiner on 10/24/2005 in Patent Application No. 10/734,632".

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are rejected. Without conceding that the rejection of claims 1-3 is of merit, Applicant cancels claims 1-3 so as expedite prosecution and place the case in condition for allowance. Pending claims 4-7 are not rejected or objected to by the Examiner, and it is therefore presumed that these claims have been deemed to recite allowable subject matter. Now in the case are claims 4-7, of which claims 4 and 7 are independent.

Request for Three Month Extension of Time

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of three months for response to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 24, 2005, thereby extending the time for response to April 24, 2006.

Electronic Payment of Fees

Fees associated with this filing (Three Month Extension of Time fee of \$510 for a Small Entity) are being paid electronically. No other fees are considered to be due. However, if it is determined that an additional fee is due, or that an overpayment has been made, please debit or credit, as appropriate, Deposit Order Account 50-2343.

CONCLUSION

This Response and Amendment addresses all matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. No fee other than the fees associated with the Request for a Three Month Extension of Time is considered to be due in conjunction with the submission of this Response and Amendment. However, if it is determined that an additional fee is due or that Applicants are underpaying or overpaying a fee, further authorization is hereby granted to debit or credit, as appropriate, Nufern Deposit Order Account 50-2343.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if any issues are deemed to remain unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Rainville". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

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